(a) whether it is a fact that the National Integration Council at its meeting held on the 31st December, 1991 resolved unitedly to fight the proxy war being waged in J&K by Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN):

Statement

(a) and (b) National Integration Council, at its meeting held on 31st December, 1991, adopted a Resolution in which it, *inter-alia*, underlined that efforts must be made to evolve 'national consensus to deal with the challenge posed by proxy war inflicted on the country'.

In the State, relentless pressure on terrorists has been mounted and the vigil on the border has been continued; intelligence operations have been further intensified. Besides highlighting Pakistan's involvement in aiding and abetting international terrorism, diplomatic intiatives have been taken to counter their efforts to internationalise the Kashmir issue. Counter measures have been comtinued to meet the disinformation campaign launched by Pakistan.

Towards evolving national consensus, efforts have continued even from before; a meeting of the leaders of political parties and prominent personalities of the State was held on 13-11-1991, the Consultative Committee of Ministry of Home Affairs discussed the situation in Jammu and Kashmir on 13-12-1991, and an all party Conference on 10-2-1992 also deliberated on the situation in the State.

With a view to recommencing the political process, a State level Advisory Council has been set up recently on which representatives of various major political parties are represented. Efforts are also being made to associate representatives of political parties and prominent public citizens formally or informally in redressal of grievances and attending to development matters.

Crash Programme to issue Ecomark Lables

3023. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised any crash programme to issue "Ecomark" labels to 15 industrial products by April end;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Steering Committee for 'Eco-Mark' is considering some range of products to be cleared for 'Eco-mark' label;

(d) whether one of these items is 'food preservatives and additives' wherein artificial colours and flavours are also mixed, although these do not have any food value;

(e) whether these colours and flavours are deleterious to human health, if not, the prescribed standards in this regard; and

(f) whether Government would consider these artificial colours and flavours being brought within the 'Eco-mark' label scheme and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STAE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) The Government have identified sixteen categories of consumer products to be taken up in the first phase under the scheme of labelling of Environment Friendly Products and for which criteria for ECOMARK are being decided. The draft criteria for these product categories are likely to be finalised by

April, 1992. These identified product categories are:—

(i) Soaps and detergents.

(ii) Plastics.

(iii) Food items such as Edible Oils, tea, coffee, baby food, processed foods, Beverages.

(iv) Papers (Fine paper, Sanitary Papers, News print, etc.).

(v) Textiles, diapers etc.

(vi) Preservatives and Food additives.

(vii) Cosmetics e.g. Shampoo, Lipstics, Face Powder.

(viii) Paints.

(ix) Batteries.

(x) Lubricating Oils.

(xi) Packaging.

(xii) Aerosols.

(xiii) Pesticides, Insecticides, Biocides and Weedicides.

(xiv) Drugs.

(xv) Electrical Goods/Electronic Goods.

(xvi) Wood Substitutes.

(d) to (f) The presence of artificial colours and flavours which may not have nutrious value and/or deleterious to human health will be taken into account while prescribing the standards for preservatives and food additives. The implementing agency will inspect the food items with respect to ECOMARK criteria.

Prevention of Water Pollution in Damodar River

3024. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum dated 25th July, 1991 from Raniganj Chamber of Commerce, West Bengal, regarding prevention of water pollution in Damodar river;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) A request from the Raniganj Chambers of Commerce had been received for an action plan for the prevention of pollution of the river Damodar including dredging of the river bed in its stretch from downstream of Durgapur and installation of electric crematoria in important towns along the river.

(c) A programme for the pollution abatement of the river Damodar covering the identified components of water pollution is under formulation in consultation with the State Government under the proposed Ganga Action Plan Phase-II.

Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling

3025. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of different species of animals and birds in the Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling;

(b) whether the number of a variety of species has increased during the last four years; and

(c) if so, what are the names of such species?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) According to Annual